IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: